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| For : | METHODS FOR THE |) |
| | COMPENSATION OF A |) |
| | TRANSVERSE ELONGATION |) |
| | AND/OR A LONGITUDINAL |) |
| | ELONGATION OF A PRINTING |) |
| | MATERIAL AND PRINTING PRESS |) |
| | WITH SEVERAL PRINTING |) |
| | COUPLES GENERATING AT LEAST |) |
| | ONE PRINTED IMAGE ON A |) |
| | PRINTING MATERIAL |) |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified English language translation of the German language text of PCT/EP2005/050265, filed January 21, 2005; published as WO 2005/072967 A2 and A3 on August 11, 2005 and claiming priority to DE 10 2004 004 264.0, filed January 28, 2004, the verified translation forming the entire specification, and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to the calculation of the filing fee and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, as follows.